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FOR S/PRS: DEPARTMENT PASS NSC FOR MR. SCROWCROFT AND
WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. NESSEN

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), PFOR, FR

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT - PARIS

1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ON
ARRIVAL AT ORLY AIRPORT 2220 HOURS MAY 6, 1976.

2. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I DON'T WANT TO STRAIN FRANCO-
AMERICAN RELATIONS BY SPEAKING IN FRENCH, SO I'LL MAKE
SOME REMARKS IN ENGLISH AND MR. TOUMAYAN WILL INTERPRET.

3. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE IN PARIS AND TO
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOUR PRESIDENT AND
FOREIGN MINISTER. THE CLOSE TIES THAT EXIST BETWEEN US
AND FRANCE MADE IT NATURAL THAT I WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS
WITH YOUR PRESIDENT MY IMPRESSIONS OF AFRICA AND TO
REPORT TO HIM SOME OF THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS THAT
WE HAVE REACHED.

4. FRANCE HAS PLAYED A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED ROLE IN
AFRICA AND THE FUTURE OF AFRICA CANNOT (RPT CANNOT) BE
AN AMERICAN ENTERPRISE. IT MUST INVOLVE ALL OF THE
NATIONS THAT HAVE A TRADITION THERE AND AN INTEREST IN
THE PROGRESS AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONS.

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5. WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD, IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH

GREAT ANTICIPATION TO THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT GISCARD
D'ESTAING, AND NO DOUBT WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE FINAL
PLANS FOR THE AGENDA OF HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

6. LET ME SAY WHAT A GREAT PLEASURE IT IS FOR ME TO BE
IN PARIS AND TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OLD FRIENDS.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
KISSINGER

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